UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Flanagan - Interior 5634

For Release May 21, 1963

FORMER MINNESOTAN GETS UNITED STATES WILDLIFE RESEARCH POST

Appointment of C. Edward Carlson of Falls Church, Va., as chief of the Branch of Wildlife Research in the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in Washington, D. C., was announced today by the Department of the Interior. Mr. Carlson fills the vacancy created when Dr. Daniel L. Leedy recently became head of the Division of Research in the Department's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Mr. Carlson has been assistant chief of the Branch of Wildlife Research since 1957 and an employee of the Fish and Wildlife Service since 1948. He is a native of Stillwater, Minn., and received his undergraduate and graduate training in forestry and wildlife at the University of Minnesota.

He began his professional career as an assistant biologist with the Minnesota Department of Conservation in 1939. He returned to the Minnesota agency in 1946 as a game biologist after serving in the Air Force from 1942 to 1946. In 1947 he became a member of the faculty of the University of Florida, School of Forestry, where he taught until he joined the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Mr. Carlson's assignments with the Bureau have given him broad experience in wildlife administration, management, and research. He has served in the Branch of Federal Aid as a wildlife research biologist, 1949-1951; as biologist in the land and development program, 1951-1953; as wildlife management biologist in the Bureau's north-central and southeastern regions in 1948-1949 and 1953-1957, respectively.

Mr. Carlson is married to the former Dorothy Bogue. They have two daughters, Karen, 12, and Christina, 10.

 $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}$